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1. During the autumn and winter of 1949, cargoes sent by sea to Soviet ports on the Gulf of Finland were frequently unloaded at Lepaya because of the difficulty of entering other ports on the Gulf during the winter months. In mid-November 1950, when winter again closed in on the Gulf of Finland, a Danish shipping company which was under contract to deliver several cargoes to Soviet ports in the area suggested that it resume the practice of unloading at Lepaya. The suggestion was refused by the Soviet authorities, without explanation. The Danish shipping firm was told to postpone calls at Soviet ports in the area until the spring of 1951, when the ports to which the shipments were originally assigned could again be used.
2. The Soviet refusal to permit Danish ships to use the port of Lepaya may be due to the fact that the harbor at Lepaya is used extensively as a base for Soviet Navy vessels during the winter months.

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